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The Dell. Grays, Essex.
Dec. 10th. 1872

Dear Mr. Kirby

I cannot undertake
to look over your Mss. having
quite as much work of a literary
nature as I can get on with.

A brief and popular yet
accurate statement of the Theory
of Evolution with plenty of easy
illustration is wanted, & if your
essay can be made to answer
such a purpose I have no

doubt you will find a
pencil for it.

Thanks for your paper on
Distribution. I wish you had
worked out the Distribution
of Butterflies in detail on
their own merits. That would
have been far more useful
than comparing them with
Birds, - & the numerical

comparisons are of little
value & often I fear quite
fallacious.

Believe me

Yours very faithfully

Alfred R. Wallace